

# Spiritual Frontiers Canada (SFC)

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Spiritual Frontiers Canada is a national non-profit association interested in the frontiers between science and spirituality. Since 1993, Spiritual Frontiers Canada has been an independent organization. Previous to that, it was affiliated with Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship International which was founded by well-known Spiritualist minister and medium Arthur Ford.

SFC organizes lectures in four main topical areas: personal/spiritual growth; holistic health; harmonious relationships; and the paranormal.

## History of Spiritual Frontiers Canada (or SFC)

Historically, there were three main reasons why SFC evolved. One was the impressive, established and relevant role model of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship International (SFFI), that began in the USA during the 1950s. SFFI was managed by an Executive Committee, was organized into several American Regional Chapters, and had a growing membership interested in the overall spiritual path. Second was the impact on this writer of his spontaneous awakening of the kundalini energy (spiritual transformation) experience from 1968 to 1989. Third was the tremendous team effort of many other conscientious individuals, also on their own spiritual journey, who generously volunteered their services, time, and support to develop and promote SFC locally and beyond.

Given the preceding, in 1990, Canada's only Regional SFFI Chapter was created in the National Capital Region. By 1993, the said Chapter experienced tremendous membership growth, became an independent non-profit organization, and was renamed as Spiritual Frontiers Canada. SFC's basic twofold goal was to provide individuals and the community at large with a positive, friendly, open-minded and independent educational forum, and to broaden their awareness and understanding of life-related issues on the frontiers of and between science and spirituality in our fast changing world.

During the 1990s, SFC attracted over 10,000 attendees to its monthly program of public talks, panel discussions and workshops, and to its ad hoc socials. Since the start of the second millennium in 2000, the interest in and attendance at SFC activities has continued to be a much-

appreciated personal and community service to spiritual seekers, inspired sages and cynical skeptics alike.

George Kokich, SFC Founder

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We live in a world that has seen some of humankind's greatest achievements in known history in science and technology and at a pace unequalled in history. These have created a global village with a common information base, economic base and communications that would have seemed like magic only a hundred years ago. In this information age we know more about the world, about us, and those who share it. But as the world has become smaller, it has become more threatening and our own place in it often seems less significant. While the major religions have experienced a loss of membership and influence, there has been a growth in the numbers of people asking the age old question is this all there is to life?

At a time when science fiction, magic and miracles have become commonplace, we are rethinking our definitions of those terms. Nothing seems impossible anymore, merely not well enough understood.

And so we are seeking to know, to understand, to discover for ourselves what else is there! The search for meaning, knowledge and wisdom is as old as the universe, but more recently it has become the intent of many, not the few. And as this information age has brought a great deal of knowledge to us, much of it conflicts and so more and more we are seeking as individuals to seek the Truth of our own being. There are many paths offered and all share so much in common, yet each saying that it alone holds the answers. So who's right? Well now there's a new Canadian organization here in the Nation's Capital that says we don't know, but together we can explore more than each of us alone.

Spiritual Frontiers Canada (SFC) began a few years ago as a Chapter of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship International. It quickly attracted seekers, sages and skeptics alike, with a variety of interests and gifts. Talks, discussion groups and workshops offered the opportunity to hear and study many diverse perspectives on spiritual traditions and to explore humanity's intrinsic spiritual nature. These enabled us to expand our personal spiritual and physical awareness. You choose your own path from a plethora of ideas while SFC advocates only the search and provides opportunities for that search.

Spiritual Frontiers Canada is now an independent, open minded, non-profit organization which continues to encourage the search but with its priorities set by its members and their needs and curiosity.

SFC provides speakers from Canada and abroad and even within our own membership, to discuss subjects ranging from new holistic and spiritual approaches to mental and physical health and healing, new or different perspectives on that old paradigm called God, native spirituality, mystical and psychic experiences, new ways of receiving information through meditation and

channelling, to the fine overlap between science and metascience, physics and metaphysics, and even the experience and meaning of death.

SFC provides an environment of acceptance and non-judgement for both its speakers and members. It is up to you to discern and choose what feels right and what you want to follow up on.

Members of SFC enjoy free monthly discussion groups and reduced admission fees at our public events when all are invited to come and listen and learn. Admission fees at our public events cover only the expenses of bringing in the guest speakers and we are generally able to keep the individual cost low relative to other similar events. Members have access to a local lending library for members to keep up on the recent incredible flow of books and audio and video material which has come onto the market and receive a regular national newsletter three times a year.

Members themselves have had some remarkable experiences and have some incredible gifts and knowledge. Most volunteer their time to share or just listen and are available for private times and conversation.

There is no single leader of Spiritual Frontiers Canada. Instead, SFC is organized by a large Service Council of members, each with a special role, thus affirming the value of each member and their contribution, not the authority of any single individual. It is very much an association created by its membership, for its membership and to share its program with all friends including those we haven't met yet!

Since January 1990, more than 500 new members have been attracted and continue to be active. We enjoy the company of fellow seekers and the sharing of ideas and experiences which the group experience offers. No one is alone, no one is "odd" and all are welcomed and accepted. Many joined after hearing just one speaker on a particular subject and stayed because they found the fellowship and opportunities for serious and friendly discussion with so many other people so desirable.

And we are all finding our answers as we seek to understand ourselves, our complicated world and even more complex universe, And to our surprise it's really very simple. There really is a lot more to life than the material, often cold and brutal world we live in and there really is nothing that is impossible!